

All Saints' Beverly Hills

Minutes of Vestry Meeting on

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April 28, 2017

Attendees:

Clergy: Steve Huber

Vestry: Theresa Amy, Joe Becci, Bob Craft, Chris Cook, Susan Humphreville, Ruth Loomis, Jean-Marc Madelon, Dennis McGuckian, Sydney Nichols, Ken Sulzer, Maggie Reid and David Van Iderstine

Staff: Jennifer Hill, and Debbie Gauer

Excused/Absent: no one

David Van Iderstine provided a dinner prepared by Chef Jean-Luc.

Joe Becci called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Jean-Marc Madelon led the attendees in prayer.

Revised Movie Project Resolution

Parishioner Gary Roberts, who was joined by parishioner Steve Fleenor, presented a proposed revision to the vestry resolution approving the creation of the the LLC for the movie project, with changes he said had been recommended by outside counsel Arthur Reiman.

The LLC Operating Agreement is a separate document from the certificate creating the LLC. The Operating Agreement has not been completed. There was a request to see it once it has been completed, which Roberts agreed to do.

The Resolution with the revisions (attached) was passed with one dissenting vote.

Sydney Nichols led the Vestry in its monthly study in reading passages from the "God Can't Do Everything" chapter of When Bad Things Happen to Good People, by Harold S. Kushner.

Minutes:

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

The minutes of the Special Meeting conference call on April 6 to pass the Movie Project Resolution were approved, with comment from the vestry member who had voted not to approve the original Movie Project Resolution or the revision to it that his approval of the minutes did not reflect on his disapproval of the project resolution.

Vestry Nominating Committee Selection

The Senior Warden asked everyone to think about members for this committee, which has to have no

less than six members, but not more than eight. Staff member Debbie Gauer suggested that a staff person be on this committee, which suggestion was taken under advisement. Membership on this committee is a good opportunity for people who have leadership potential for the vestry.

Reverend Steve Huber provided the Rector's Report.

- Allison English will be back tomorrow; she will assume again her portfolio of pastoral care and adult education.
- Nat Katz is on a plane to Pakistan at behest of the Bishop on 3- to 4-day conference with young Anglicans from Pakistan. The trip is being paid for by the Diocese.
- Holy Week and Easter. It was Nat's first with the responsibility of handling the Liturgy. He made some lovely changes. The attendance numbers were up except for 1 p.m. service – but they were still up overall. Stations of the Cross service on Friday night was well done by the CAST.
- The Tenors will be performing a concert on April 28 as a fundraiser for the Choir Pilgrimage to England.
- Summer Theatre at All Saints' will happen again – James Chalke and crew will be doing "To Kill a Mockingbird" the weekends of July 21 & 28.
- Parishioner Jim Keagy will again chair an art auction again this year. Same format as last year, with the auction taking place on Sunday evening after Advent Lessons and Carols.
- Jason Franklin was in Cincinnati at the Episcopal Communicators conference. All Saints' got three awards, for best stewardship materials, the "12 Angry Men" poster, and the last award (which Rev. Huber likened to the Best Picture Oscar equivalent), for 2nd year in a row, for "Ethos."

Other business:

Selection of convention lay delegates for the Annual Diocesan Conference. It makes sense that they are all from the vestry or people in the ordination process. It's the governance connection, since we write the check to the Diocese every year. Eight members of the vestry volunteered – 6 are needed; 2 will be alternates.

Sunday, October 1st, the new Bishop of our Diocese, John Taylor, will make his visit to the Parish.

Steve gave a summary of the suit against Jon Bruno.

Steve Huber, Christal Ellis, Karlyn Johnson & Joe Becci met yesterday to brainstorm a list of people who are potentials for volunteer roles in Children's programs. Teresa Amy, Maggie Reid, David Van Iderstine & Jean-Marc Madelon have volunteered. This team will approach people from this list for volunteer. Camp Camden will happen this year.

The Vestry Retreat will be May 12-13, 2017. The main focus will be Welcome/Newcomer/Marketing how to get new people here and how to get them "plugged in" in some way in within their 1st 3-4 months after coming to ASBH. (Research shows that if newcomers don't become engaged in that critical period, they are likely to leave.)

Jason will present next month to the Vestry re: website refresh.

Debbie Gauer presented the Stewardship Report.

There were seven new pledges since last month. There were substantially more pledgers this time last year: 343 vs. 304. There is \$80K in pipeline (from people who have pledged in the past who could still

pledge this year). We lost \$64K in potential pledges from people who have moved, died or said no.

On Pentecost Sunday, we are going to do our next big stewardship push Debbie Gauer acknowledged Chris Cook's contributions to the thinking and planning of this. It is a bookend to All Saints Sunday – an opportunity to prayerfully think about what additional gifts we can give to All Saints. There will be a soft launch starting on May 7 of a three- to four-week sermon series on Stewardship given by Steve, Nat and Allison on the theology of stewardship. All will be asked to revisit their 2017 pledges; a special letter will go to those who haven't pledged. Pew pledge cards will appear May 7. There will be information about stewardship – sacrificial giving, proportional giving. We will do an integrated single service (combining with AS2 at 10 a.m. on June 4th: "On the Day of Pentecost they were all gathered in one place".

Fundraiser for LGBT Brunches will be next Sunday. Goal is to raise \$6K to cover the cost of food supplies. \$2K has been raised so far.

Randy Whittell has offered to take on a lay leadership role in our Interfaith ministry. Once Nat gets back they will talk.

Sydney Nichols presented the Financial Report.

All Saints' lost \$81,000 in the month of February; expenses were as budgeted but revenues were \$44K below budget. YTD the church has lost \$101K, \$45K worse than budget. Sunday hospitality is headed toward a negative variance for the year of \$10K unless we can drum up donations.

We have been granted partial property tax exemption for the Rectory. This should result in funds received of about \$100K, and an ongoing property tax bill of less than half of what it has been.

Due to the generosity of a deceased parishioner, we will soon have a general endowment fund of around \$1.8M.

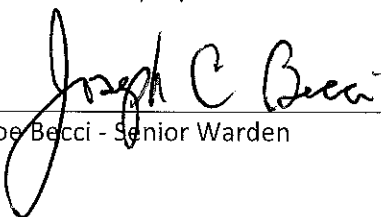
The Financial Report was approved.

The Finance Committee has presented a revised Investment Policy. It was approved.

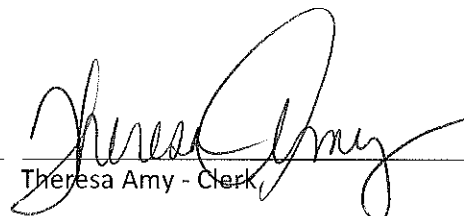
The next meeting of the vestry will be May 23, 2017.

Maggie Reid led the attendees in a closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Ruth Loomis prepared the minutes.



Joe Becci - Senior Warden



Theresa Amy - Clerk

WHEREAS, the success of "Reconcile" has shown that the Parish can use filmmaking to expound upon and spread its view of the Gospel in a powerful way, thus leading the Vestry to wish to expand that ministry by making a full-length feature film;

WHEREAS, to that end, a group of parishioners has developed a project that presents the struggle posed by finding faith during fearful times in our own voice (as distinct from that typically presented in the fundamentalist realm), which film has an anticipated budget of approximately \$328,441;

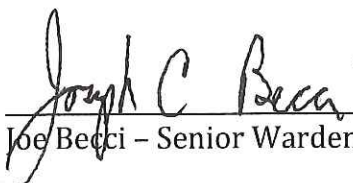
WHEREAS, the Vestry recognizes that it is not likely that proceeds from distributing the movie would exceed the costs of the movie, but, to the event they do, the Parish would utilize any such excess funds to sustain an ongoing filmmaking ministry of the Parish and otherwise to advance the mission of the church;

WHEREAS, parishioners have thus far expressed a willingness to donate in the aggregate at least \$163,000, such funds being directed gifts intended solely for use in the making of the movie;

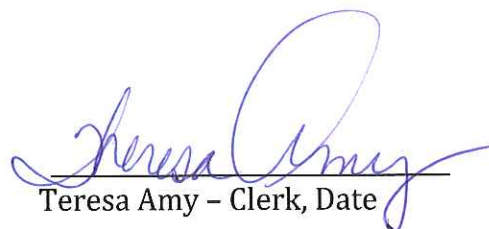
WHEREAS, one or more parishioners have expressed a willingness to make a loan ("Parishioner Non-Recourse Loan") to pay costs of making the movie, such loan in the principal amount of up to \$70,441, interest free, and repayable solely from proceeds (if any) received from the movie, with no recourse to any other assets of the Parish, whereas other costs from the budget in the amount of \$95,000 (consisting of compensation and marketing/publicity/distribution costs) can be deferred for the time being;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

Having obtained satisfactory advice from Arthur Rieman (counsel engaged by the Parish) that making the film is within the corporate powers of the Parish and does not endanger the tax exempt status of the Parish, and the Parish having received at least \$100,000 of the contributions and loans described above, the Parish is forming a wholly owned subsidiary limited liability company to make and distribute said movie, which limited liability company (the "LLC") shall engage Brian Ide to oversee the project; and that any additional donations to the project as well as any proceeds from the movie shall be used first to pay the deferred compensation costs, then the Parishioner Non-Recourse Loan, and then the deferred marketing/publicity/distribution costs, and then to sustain an ongoing filmmaking ministry of the Parish and otherwise to advance the mission of the church.



Joe Becci - Senior Warden, Date



Teresa Amy - Clerk, Date